

Force, and led planning and preparation for hurricane response to the U.S. Virgin Islands.

An instrumental figure in protecting our nation's capital, Colonel McKinney led two task forces during the Presidential Inauguration and Operational Capitol Response II. We are eternally grateful for Colonel McKinney's leadership and the Michigan National Guard and their role in defending our Capitol and every person who works here.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Colonel Chris A. McKinney for his lifetime of invaluable service to this Nation. I join with Colonel McKinney's family—including his wife of thirty years, Terri, and his children Kate and Ryan—friends, and colleagues in extending my gratitude to him for his exemplary and honorable service to this country.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEAST OF SAINT SEBASTIAN

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the Saint Sebastian Church, its membership and the community of Middletown, Connecticut as they celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Feast of Saint Sebastian—a celebration of ethnic pride and culture that has grown to become a treasured community tradition.

The first immigrants from Melilli, Sicily arrived in the City of Middletown in 1895. Over the course of the next several decades, the number of Melillesi who came to call Middletown home grew exponentially, forming a tight-knit community in the City's North End. As the Melillesi families grew so did their desire to celebrate their rich history and tradition. Like in so many other Italian-American communities, they did so through the annual religious celebrations of the patron saint of their hometown, Saint Sebastian. This small neighborhood celebration has since grown into one of the City's most well-known and popular annual traditions.

By 1921, the annual Feast of Saint Sebastian had become a major event in the Sicilian community, attracting participants not only from Middletown but surrounding towns as well. It was in 1921 that the first official feast committee was formed and when the first statue of Saint Sebastian, a gift designed and sculpted by local laborer Sebastiano Marchese, was presented to the community. It was also from this first major Feast and its collection of funds, that the first steps toward the creation of the Saint Sebastian Church and Parish were taken. Just over a decade later, after approval from the diocese and the purchase of properties for the church and rectory, the cornerstone was placed and construction of Saint Sebastian Church was completed within a year. Today, Saint Sebastian Church, which almost mirrors its companion of the same name in Melilli, continues to be the heartbeat of Middletown's Italian-American community, and the Feast remains an annual tradition that the whole City looks forward to celebrating.

The Feast of Saint Sebastian, whose festivities now span three days, is a celebration of

the Melillesi culture. Booths provide food and drink, games and carnival rides entertain adults and children, and the main stage provides musical entertainment where many gather to sing and dance. Special masses are held and upon entering the Church one can view the statue of Saint Sebastian, often hearing chants of "Santo Sebastiano" as those gathered pray to the patron saint. And on the Sunday of the Feast, hundreds dressed all in white with red sashes attend the "I Nuri" running—the procession of Saint Sebastian. It is a remarkable sight to behold.

People across the country struggle to create a sense of community—a sense of belonging. Over the course of its one-hundred-year history, the Feast of Saint Sebastian has helped the families of Middletown's Melillesi immigrants and their descendants do just that. This year, as they mark its centennial anniversary, I am proud to stand and extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all of those, past and present, who have made the Feast of Saint Sebastian such a special celebration. The bonds of community that the Feast has helped to shape will continue to impact generations to come.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JUANA SEQUEIRA SOLIS

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Juana Sequeira Solis who passed away on April 6, 2021 at the age of 94. She was born in 1926 in Nicaragua and was the eldest of five children.

In 1945, at the age of 18, she immigrated to the United States in search of a better life. In 1950, she moved to Los Angeles where she met her late husband, Raul S. Solis, while taking citizenship classes. The couple then married in October of 1953.

Mrs. Solis and her late husband raised seven children in the unincorporated area of La Puente, California.

She enjoyed cooking for her family and friends and was an avid gardener. The family was her focal point where she taught her children to give back to their community; stressed the importance of achieving a higher education; and preserving the environment.

Mrs. Solis was a devout Roman Catholic.

Mrs. Solis worked hard to provide for her children and was employed for over 20 years as an assembly line worker at Mattel Inc. until her retirement in 1991. She was an active union member with the United Rubber Workers.

Mrs. Solis is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 58 years, Raul S. Solis, who was a proud Teamster and her beloved daughter, Beatriz M. Solis, who served as the Director for Healthy Communities at the California Endowment.

She is survived by her children: Irma Rincon, Raul Solis, Jr., Hilda Solis, Victor Solis, Anna Solis, Leticia Solis and their spouses; 10 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren.

She will be remembered for her kindness and fighting spirit. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Madam Speaker, I ask that Members in the House Chamber please join me for a moment of silence to honor the life of Juana Sequeira Solis.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 27

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense's management challenges and opportunities.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Defense

To hold closed hearings to examine the Missile Defense Agency, focusing on a program update.

SVC-217

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security

To hold hearings to examine curbing COVID cons, focusing on warning consumers about pandemic frauds, scams, and swindles.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine energy development on federal lands, focusing on the current status of the Department of the Interior's onshore oil and gas leasing program.

SD-366

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine climate challenges, focusing on the tax code's role in creating American jobs, achieving energy independence, and providing consumers with affordable, clean energy.

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Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine supporting children, workers and families by strengthening America's child care sector.

SH-216

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight
To hold hearings to examine controlling Federal legacy IT costs and crafting 21st century IT management solutions.
SD-342/VTC

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law
To hold hearings to examine how social media platforms' design choices shape our discourse and our minds, focusing on algorithms and amplification.
SD-226

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Maritime, Freight, and Ports
To hold hearings to examine the future of automotive mobility, safety, and technology.
SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works
Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety
To hold hearings to examine S. 283, to establish a National Climate Bank.
SD-406

Committee on Finance
Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth
To hold hearings to examine creating opportunity through a fairer tax system.
SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Policy on Afghanistan.
SD-G50

3 p.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights
To hold hearings to examine Supreme Court fact-finding and the distortion of American democracy.
SD-226

APRIL 28

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Kiran Arjandas Ahuja, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and Anton George Hajjar, of Maryland, Amber Faye McReynolds, of Colorado, and Ronald Stroman, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.
SD-342

10 a.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine health disparities in Indian Country, focusing on a review of the Indian Health Service's COVID response and future needs.
SD-138

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider S. 15, to require the Federal Trade Commission to submit a report to Congress on scams targeting seniors, S. 115, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the travel and tourism industry in the United States, S. 120, to prevent and respond to the misuse of communications services that facilitates

domestic violence and other crimes, S. 163, to address the workforce needs of the telecommunications industry, S. 198, to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps, S. 316, to establish a temperature checks pilot program for air transportation, S. 326, to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the effects of broadband deployment and adoption on the economy of the United States, S. 381, to establish the National Ocean Mapping, Exploration, and Characterization Council, S. 558, to establish a national integrated flood information system within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, S. 576, to amend title 14, United States Code, to require the Coast Guard to conduct icebreaking operations in the Great Lakes to minimize commercial disruption in the winter months, S. 593, to restrict the imposition by the Secretary of Homeland Security of fines, penalties, duties, or tariffs applicable only to coastwise voyages, or prohibit otherwise qualified non-United States citizens from serving as crew, on specified vessels transporting passengers between the State of Washington and the State of Alaska, to address a Canadian cruise ship ban and the extraordinary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Alaskan communities, S. 735, to amend the Scientific and Advanced-Technology Act of 1992 to further support advanced technological manufacturing, S. 1106, to prohibit the sale of shark fins, S. 1259, to provide that crib bumpers shall be considered banned hazardous products under section 8 of the Consumer Product Safety Act, S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, an original bill relating to marine mammals, and the nominations of Donet Dominic Graves, Jr., of Ohio, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, and Bill Nelson, of Florida, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
SH-216

Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2022 for the Environmental Protection Agency.
SR-301

Committee on Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider the nomination of Bonnie D. Jenkins, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, and other pending nominations.
SD-106/VTC

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine the response to COVID-19, focusing on using lessons learned to address mental health and substance use disorders.
SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.
SD-G50

2 p.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.
SD-124

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Legislative Branch
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Library of Congress, the Congressional Budget Office, and the Government Accountability Office.
SD-192

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities
To hold hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command's efforts to sustain the readiness of special operations forces and transform the force for future security challenges.
SR-232A

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support
To hold hearings to examine defense acquisition programs and acquisition reform.
SR-222

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Government Operations and Border Management
To hold hearings to examine the non-governmental organization perspective on the southwest border.
VTC

Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the COVID-19 response in Native communities, focusing on Native education systems one year later.
SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on the Constitution
To hold hearings to examine stopping gun violence, focusing on extreme risk order/"red flag" laws.
SD-226

3 p.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine the VA telehealth program, focusing on leveraging recent investments to build future capacity.
SD-138

Committee on Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine pending calendar business.
SH-216

4:30 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
To hold hearings to examine United States nuclear deterrence policy and strategy.
SD-562

APRIL 29

10 a.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Eric S. Lander, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.
SR-253

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Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

ka, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Tommy P. Beaudreau, of Alas-

SD-366